COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Corn Attracts Most Attention of the Day's Grain Business.

MAKES ANOTHER HIGH RECORD PRICE

Wheat Dull and Uninteresting with Market Nearly at Standstill—Oats Continue Sluggish—Provisions Open Steady.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Speculative interest on 'change was again focused on corn today and the market, after establishing a new high record for May, closed ⅝c over yesterday. Other markets were dull, wheat closing unchanged, oats a shade up and provisions 2½@5c depressed.

Corn opened with sentiment only a shade easier, although the rather bearish ensemble of news might have excused greater weakness in a market less confident of the smallness of stocks. The weather, to begin with, was improved, receipts were liberal and contained a largely increased proportion of contract corn, while cables were indifferent. Notwithstanding this array of considerations the market opened unchanged at 42½ and in a few minutes touched 42¾@42⅝c. Trade was light for the moment. One firm let out 400,000 bu. and reported freer country offerings and the initial firmness was replaced by a tone of greater ease. May dropping to 42⅝c. Here the market steadied and began that steady appreciation which culminated in a new high record price for May delivery, doing it in the face of strenuous efforts of certain bear houses to hold it. The bull leader was only a moderate buyer, but outsiders, who seem to be the stanchest bulls in the market, together with scalpers who sold early and quickly ran to cover, were purchasers and May during the afternoon touched 43c. Bear resistance had gradually been snuffed out and probably 50,000 bu. would cover the offerings at the top price. The close was strong, ⅝c over yesterday, at 42⅝c. Local receipts were 183 cars, 37 of contract grade, while at primary points receipts were 317,000 bu., compared with 774,000 bu. a year ago. The advance curtailed shipping bids.

Wheat was dull, narrow and uninteresting. Much of the time business was at a standstill, while traders turned a wistful eye on the superior animation of corn. It was the strength of this market which saved wheat from succumbing to the prevalent bearishness. Even reports of fly damages were received with apathy. Heavy receipts and the weakness of the export situation, the mild clear weather and the optimism of the Price Current report combined to create bearish sentiment. It was judged unwise to tempt fate too far, with the bullish corn market so close a neighbor, and May, having opened a shade to ⅛c lower at 75⅝c to 75⅜@75⅝c, declined only to 75⅜c. A long period of stagnation followed this decline, but near the close the market rallied in sympathy with corn and closed unchanged at 75⅝@75c. Exporters reported 20 loads taken. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 361,000 bu., while primary receipts aggregated 748,000 bu., compared with 354,000 bu. a year ago. Local receipts were 66 cars, none of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported a total of 364 cars, against 377 last week and 496 a year ago. The Price Current not only minimized reports of fly damage, but declared that the weather was unfavorable to insect life.

Oats were in excellent demand for shipment, but for future delivery business was sluggish and prices appeared to be in need of all the strength corn could lend. It was reported from New York, however, that oats were beginning to attract more attention and that Germany, after long idleness here, had become a buyer. English inquiries were numerous and it was said that no surprise would be occasioned should France enter the lists. Receipts here were 164 cars. May sold between 25c and 25¼c and closed a shade higher at 25¼c.

Provisions were dull and easier. The market opened steady on light hog receipts and higher prices for the same, but soon turned easier on selling by packers and local operators. There was a good cash demand. May pork sold between $15.70 and $15.40 and closed 25c lower at $15.47½; May lard, between $8.07½ and $8, closing 2½@5c down, at $8.02½, and May ribs, between $8 and $7.90, with the close 7½c depressed at $7.92½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 65 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 205 cars; hogs, 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
April	75⅛	75⅛	74⅞	75	75⅛
May	75⅝@7⅝	75⅝@7⅝	75⅜	75⅝@7⅝	75⅝@7⅝
*Corn—					
May	42½	43	42⅝	42⅞	42¼
July	42¼@⅜	43@⅛	42⅛	42⅜@43	42⅜@⅝
*Oats—					
May	25@⅛	25⅛	25	25⅛	25@⅛
July	24⅝@⅞	24⅞	24⅜@⅞	24⅞	24⅝
Pork—					
May	15 75	15 75	15 40	15 47½	15 72½
July	15 00	15 10	15 00	15 07½	15 15
Lard—					
May	8 07½	8 07½	8 00	8 02½	8 07½
July	8 00	8 00	7 95	7 97½	8 00
Sept.	8 05	8 05	7 97½	7 97½	8 02½
Ribs—					
May	8 00	8 00	7 90	7 92½	8 00
July	7 85	7 87½	7 82½	7 82½	7 87½
Sept.	7 80	7 82½	7 77½	7 80	7 85

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Fairly active; winter wheat, $3.85@4.10; straights, $3.20@3.70; clears, $2.60@3.40; spring specials, $4.30; patents, $3.50@3.80; straights, $3.00@3.30; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 69@72c; No. 2 red, 74½@75¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42c.

OATS—No. 2, 25½@26¼c; No. 2 white, 28½@29c; No. 3 white, 27½@28¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 53¼@54c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 50@58c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.55¾; No. 1 northwestern, $1.56@1.57; prime timothy, $4; clover, contract grade, $11.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.35@15.40. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.10@8.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $7.85@8.05. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 8@8¼@8.87½. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.15@8.30.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.04; granulated, $5.47.

The receipts and shipments today were as follows:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	31,000	34,000
Wheat, bu	193,000	81,000
Corn, bu	145,000	142,000
Oats, bu	172,000	236,000
Rye, bu	5,000	1,000
Barley, bu	18,000	16,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creameries, 15@21c; dairies, 11@18c. Cheese, fairly active, 11@11¼c. Eggs, quiet; fresh, 12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 9,978 bbls.; slow but steady for choice brands; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.30; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.25; winter patents, $3.65@4.00; winter straights, $3.45@3.65; winter extras, $2.45@2.80; winter low grades, $2.45@2.60. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.80@3.85; choice to fancy, $3.90@3.45. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $2.10@2.15.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 60@62c, c. i. f., New York.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 92c; city, 91c. Brandywine, $2.45@2.50.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 60½c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 58@59c, c. i. f., carlots.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 46@48½c c. i. f. New York; malting, 62@70c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@72c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 75,000 bu.; exports, 64,512 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 80¼c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 90½c afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 92¾ f. o. b. afloat. Options were at first steady but dull until near the close, when strength in corn prompted a sensitive covering and a fair advance, helped also by good clearances, firm English cables, export demand and light speculative offerings; closed firm at ½c net advance; May, 80¾@80⅞c, closed at 80¾c; July, 80¾@81 1-16c, closed at 81c; September, 80¼@80⅝c, closed at 80⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 148,300 bu.; exports, 77,797 bu.; spot firmer; No. 2, 49½c elevator and 49⅝c f. o. b. afloat. Option market ruled strong again all day on large clearances, a small movement, aggressive bull operations, firm cables and general covering; closed firm at ¼@⅝c net advance; March closed at 49c; May, 48@48⅛c, closed at 48¾c; July, 47⅝@48⅛c, closed at 48⅜c; September, 47¾@47 15-16c, closed at 47⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 133,000 bu.; exports, 2,725 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 30½c; No. 3, 30c; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 32c; track, mixed western, 30@31½c; track, white, 32@36c. Options dull but firm with corn.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 15@18c; 1899, 11@16c; old olds, 2@6c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 16@19c; 1899, 11@15c; old olds, 2@6c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 75@77½c; good to choice, 90@92½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18½@19c; Texas dry, 24 to 25 lbs., 14@14¾c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24@25c; acid, 23½@24½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.50@11.50; mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $18.50@19.50; packet, $9.50@10.00; extra India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $8.25@10.00; pickled shoulders, $6.50@6.75; pickled hams, $9.50@10.00. Lard, firm; western steamed, $8.45; refined, steady; continent, $8.45; South America, $9.25; compound, $5.75@5.87½. Pork, firm; family, $16.50@17.00; short clear, $15.00@17.00; mess, $15.50@16.50.

TALLOW—Firm; city ($2 per pkg.), 4¾c; country (pkgs. free), 4¼@4¾c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 37c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,638 pkgs.; strong; fresh creamery, 16@22c; factory, 11@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,866 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, colored and white, 11@11½c; fancy, small, colored, 12¼c; fancy, small, white, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 13,597 pkgs.; strong; western, at mark, 13½@13¾c; southern, at mark, 13@13½c.

POULTRY—Alive, dull; fowls, 11@12c; chickens, 11c; dressed, firm, unchanged.

METALS—Despite a loss of 5s in the price of pig tin in London, our market for that metal on the spot article showed continued firmness owing to a lack of selling pressure, with final figures of $2.64@2.65. The future delivery, however, displayed easiness of undertone owing to prospects for an increase in supplies. The close at London showed spot to be £116 2s 6d and the future option £114. The same narrow, featureless market was prevalent today for copper, as has been the case for some time. Prices were nominally unchanged. At London an easier market was noted, spot closing at £56 5s 9d and futures at £56. Lead was dull at $4.37½; spelter, dull and without quotable change; American iron markets ruled dull, with prices more or less nominal; northern foundry, $15.50@16.50; southern foundry, $14.00@14.90, and soft southern, $13.00@15.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; good stock, firm at 11c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; young and old roosters, 5@6c; turkeys, 6@8c; ducks and geese, 7@7½c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, per doz., $2.75@4.00; teal, $1.00@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 13c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 22c.

FRESH OYSTERS—First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 35c; extra selects, 32c; standards, 30c; medium, 19c. Second grade, shack filled, New York counts, per can, 20c; extra selects, 26c; standards, 19c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 11c; balleneds, 10c; blue cats, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 9c; croppie, 10c; crocers, 6c; mallout, 12c; herring, 4@6c; haddock, 9c; mackerel, 15c; perch, 4@6c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 9c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 18c; sunfish, 6c; smelts, 10c; trout, 10c; whitefish, 8c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers association: Choice upland, $8.50; No. 1 upland, $8; medium, $7.50; coarse, $7. Rye straw, $6. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. No receipts.

OATS—No. 2 white, 28c.

CORN—No. 2, 35c.

BRAN—$15.

VEGETABLES.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, 75c.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 16c.

RHUBARB—California, per lb., 10c.

NEW BEETS—Per doz., 90c.

NEW CARROTS—Per doz., 60c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz., 60c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.50@2.00, as to size.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 50c.

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

LETTUCE—Per bu., 35@40c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 30@35c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 35c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 45@55c; Colorado, 75c.

SEED POTATOES—Early Ohios, 55@60c; Red River Valley, 90c; Triumph, $1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $1.75.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 2c; new California, 2½c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4; Mexicans, per 4-basket crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Ohio, per bu., $1.75.

CELERY—California, as to size, 50@75c; Kalamazoo, 20@30c.

CAULIFLOWER — California, per crate, $2.50.

BEANS—Wax, per bu., $3.50; string, per bu., $3.25.

EGG PLANT—Per bu. box, $3.

PEPPERS—Per bu. box, $2.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 40c; Texas, 25@30c.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, $7.50@9.00.

APPLES—Per bbl., $4.25; Washington, per bu. box, $1.75; Bellflowers, $1.90.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $9 per bbl.; Jerseys, per bbl., $8.50; per crate, $4.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES — California seedlings, $2.00@2.25; navels, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $1.75@2.25.

FIGS—California, new cortons, 75c; layers, 65c; imported, per lb., 12@13c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, Sairs, 5c per lb.; Halloween, 5½c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—California, per 24-section case, $4.00.

CIDER—Per bbl., $4.50; per half bbl., $2.75.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 15c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 18@20c; raw peanuts, per lb., 5@6½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazil's, 13c; pecans, 10@12c; cocoanuts, each, 4½c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 5½c; No. 2 green, 4½c; No. 1 salted, 6½c; No. 2 salted, 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 16 lbs., 6c; dry hides, sound, 8c; sheep pelts, 75@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 28.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 73c; track, 75@75½c; May, 74@74¼c; July, 73½@73¾c; No. 2 hard, 72c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 41⅝@41¾c; track, 41⅝@41¾c; May, 41¾c; July, 42¼c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 27c; track, 27@27½c; May, 26½c; July, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 28½@29c.

RYE—Firm at 52½c.

FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $3.55@3.75; extra fancy and straight, $3.15@3.35; clear, $2.70@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady; average receipts, $3.25@4.00; prime worth more; flax, $1.52.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $2.10.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 76@77c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@13.50; prairie, $7.50@8.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.27.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.00.

BAGGING—6¼@7c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS — Pork, lower; jobbing, $15.50. Lard, $8. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed lots, extra shorts, $8.12½; clear ribs, $8.25; clear sides, $8.25. Bacon, steady; boxed lots, extra shorts, $8.87½; clear ribs, $9; clear sides, $9.

METALS—Lead: Firm at $4.22½@4.25. Spelter: Higher and strong at $3.75.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 8@8½c; turkeys, 7@10c; ducks, 8½c; geese, 4@5c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 16@22c; dairy, 14@17c.

EGGS—Firm at 12¼c, repacked and cases included.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 36,000 bu.; corn, 40,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 74,000 bu.; corn, 42,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 28.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 4½d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 3¾d; No. 1 California, 6s 4½d. Futures, quiet; May, 6s 1d; July, 6s 2½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 11d; American mixed, old, 4s ¼d. Futures, quiet; May, 3s 10½d; July, 3s 10⅝d; September, 3s 11d.

LARD—American refined, in pails, firm, 42s 3d.

BACON—Cumberland cut, firm, 47s 9d.

CHEESE—American finest colored, quiet, 47s 6d.

TALLOW—Australian, in London, quiet, 26s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, easy, 61s 3d. Pork, prime mess western, steady, 63s. Lard, firm; American refined, in pails, 42s 3d; prime western, in tierces, 41s 9d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., strong, 45s 6d. Bacon, firm; Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 47s 9d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 43s 9d; long clear middles, light 28 to 34 lbs., 43s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 42s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 40s 3d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 47s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., strong, 36s 9d.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28.—WHEAT—Cash, 74⅜c; May, 74⅜@74¾c; July, 76¼c. On track—No. 1 hard, 76¾c; No. 1 northern, 74⅝c; No. 2 northern, 69@71c.

FLOUR—Steady; first patents, $4.05@4.15; second patents, $3.95@4.05; first clears, $3.00@3.10; second clears, $2.00@2.10.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.25@13.50.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, March 28.—WHEAT—Active, steady; cash, 77¾c; May, 79¼c; July, 79¼c.

CORN—Dull, strong; cash, 42c; May, 43¼c.

OATS—Cash, 28c; May, 26¼c.

RYE—52½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active, firm; 1899 prime, $6.70; cash and March, $6.75; October, $5.65.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 28.—CORN—Higher; No. 3, 41¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 27½c, billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 28.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 68½c; No. 1 northern, 71¼c; No. 2 northern, 68¼@72c; May, 76½c; July, 77⅝c.

CORN—40½c; May, 41c.

OATS—25¾@26c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 28.—WHEAT—May, 67¾c; July, 68¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 69@70c; No. 3, 68@70c.

CORN—May, 38¼c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 38½c; No. 2 white, 39¼@40c; No. 3, 39½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 28¼@28½c; cash, No. 1, 28c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@11.00; choice prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@22c; dairy, fancy, 16c.

EGGS—Higher; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 11c per doz., loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ½c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 60,000 bu.; corn, 11,500 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 26,800 bu.; corn, 9,600 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28.—BUTTER—Firm, fair demand; fancy western creamery, 22½c; fancy prints, 22c; some lots, 23c; fancy nearby prints, 22c.

EGGS—Firm, good demand; fresh nearby, 13½c; fresh western, 13½c; fresh southwestern, 13½c; fresh southern, 13c.

CHEESE—Quiet but firm; New York full creams, fancy small, 12¾c; New York full creams, fair to choice, 10¾@12c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 28.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 73½@72c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 54c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 57c; sample, 49@56c.

MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Business in Stock Market Continues Professional and Speculative.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The stock market continued highly professional today and distinctly two-sided. The outside speculative public is still on the side of the bulls and that element of the speculation continued to have the situation well in control. Any new point of strength which they developed was pretty well assured of a response from the following of smaller speculators, who keep the current market going. The selling to take profits continued very large and was so skilfully managed as to do little damage to prices, but there was a bear element among the traders and they made occasional demonstrations in the market when the burden of the realizing seemed in a way to overcome the advance. The bear element, however, attracted little outside following and their operations were not conducted with great confidence. The most prominent position in the trading was still held by Northern Pacific and Burlington and the constantly recurring strength of these stocks made an effective support for the whole market. In the same degree their many reactions on profit taking affected the speculative tone.

Burlington opened under pressure and after having advanced to a record price at 171½ closed with a net gain of only ¼. Northern Pacific also made a new high record price at 95½ and closed with a net gain of 1⅜. There were renewed reports today of a plan to retire Northern Pacific preferred and reports still persisted of an agreement for consolidation of Northern Pacific and Burlington. The course of the steel stocks upon the entry of the United States Steel Corporation stocks (when issued) into the unlisted department of the exchange was a strengthening influence. Although there was a large selling to realize on these stocks ample support was forthcoming and each common was run up some 2 points over yesterday's price on the curb and the preferred rather more than that. The stocks of the constituent companies were strong in sympathy, the common and preferred stocks all rising from ½ to 2⅜. There were other points of special strength, such as Western Union, Manhattan, the Wheeling & Lake Erie stocks showing gains of from 2 to 3¼ and Lackawanna, which mounted 9 points to far above the highest preceding price. Outside of these individual stocks there were few that rose at any time much as a point over last night and many of the recently prominent stocks were constantly held back by the pressure of realizing.

The rubber stocks reacted widely from yesterday's advance, the common losing 2¼ and the preferred 4¼. In the last half hour of the market, on the decision of the New Jersey court of appeals in favor of the plaintiffs in the suit to enjoin the absorption of the Guggenheim interests, the smelting stocks broke violently, the common falling to 6⅛ and the preferred 5⅞ below last night's level. This helped the close, which was also affected by the large profit taking sales.

Discussions of the money market outlook continues, in view of the coming quarterly settlements and the uninterrupted drain by the subtreasury. Sterling exchange also recovered today, renewing the apprehension of gold exports. The target for loan expansion of the Bank of England might under ordinary circumstances be expected to be repaid after the quarterly settlements have been met, but the government is expected to come forward with an offer of the new loan, so that no relaxation of the money situation is looked for in London in the immediate future.

Business in bonds continues large and new points of strength develop from time to time. Total sales, par value, $5,605,000. United States old 4s, registered, advanced ¼ per cent in the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	61⅝	do pfd	40½
do pfd	95½	Wheel. & L. E.	9⅞
Baltimore & O.	92½	do 2d pfd	37
Canadian Pac.	93⅛	Wis. Central	20⅛
Canada So.	64	Third Avenue	122
Ches. & Ohio	46⅜	**National Tube	62
Chicago G. W.	17	**do pfd	117
C., B. & Q.	149	B. & O. pfd	90
Chi. Ind. & L.	37⅜	Adams Ex.	210
do pfd	72½	American Ex.	200
Chi. & E. Ill.	117¼	U. S. Ex.	78
C. & N. W.	177½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	144
C., R. I. & P.	129	Amer. Cot. Oil	25⅞
C., C., C. & St. L.	80½	do pfd	95
Colorado So.	12	Amer. Malting	5⅜
do 1st pfd	47¼	do pfd	27
do 2d pfd	22¼	Amer. S. & R.	52
Del. & Hudson	167½	do pfd	91
Del. L. & W.	206	***Amer. Sp.	1¼
Denver & R. G.	41⅝	***do pfd	17
do pfd	96⅜	***Amer. S. H.	43⅝
Erie	36	***do pfd	94⅝
do 1st pfd	69⅝	***Amer. S. & W.	44½
Gt. Nor. pfd	201½	**do pfd	110
Hocking Coal	17	**Amer. Tin P.	73
Hocking Valley	54½	**do pfd	117½
Illinois Central	136⅞	Amer. Tobacco	125½
Iowa Central	31½	do pfd	144
do pfd	69⅝	Anac. Min. Co.	45⅜
Lake Erie & W.	58½	Brooklyn R. T.	80¾
do pfd	126	Colo. Fuel & I.	65
Lake Shore	204⅞	Con. Tobacco	44¾
L. & N.	100	do pfd	84½
Manhattan L.	124½	**Federal Steel	50
*Met. St. Ry.	161⅞	**do pfd	103¾
Mex. Central	25	Gen. Electric	217
Minn. & St. L.	86	Glucose Sugar	49
do pfd	112	do pfd	95½
Mo. Pacific	102⅜	Inter. Paper	26
**Mobile & O.	80	do pfd	78
M., K. & T.	25	Laclede Gas	81
do pfd	58	National Biscuit	46⅜
N. J. Central	154½	do pfd	96½
N. Y. Central	146⅛	National Lead	18⅜
Norfolk & W.	51⅜	do pfd	85⅜
do pfd	85	**National Steel	54½
No. Pacific	95	**do pfd	116½
do pfd	92½	N. Y. Air Brake	159½
Ontario & W.	34⅜	No. American	57
***Ore. Ry. & N.	42	Pacific Coast	55
***do pfd	76	do 1st pfd	92
Pennsylvania	153⅞	do 2d pfd	64
Reading	35¼	Pacific Mail	35⅜
do 1st pfd	74⅝	People's Gas	104⅛
do 2d pfd	59	Pressed S. Car.	37
Rio G. W.	85	do pfd	79
do pfd	106	Pullman P. Car.	204
St. L. & S. F.	43⅛	S. R. & T.	4¼
do 1st pfd	84½	Sugar	141⅞
do 2d pfd	68	do pfd	123
St. L. Southw.	35⅜	Tenn. Coal & I.	71½
do pfd	64¼	U. S. Leather	13⅜
St. Paul	149¼	do pfd	75⅜
do pfd	184½	U. S. Rubber	20½
St. P. & Omaha	125	do pfd	62½
So. Pacific	46¾	Western Union	93⅝
So. Railway	28⅜	Amal. Copper	96⅜
do pfd	79⅜	Republic I. & S.	17½
Tex. & Pacific	34½	do pfd	71⅛
Union Pacific	81⅝	*P. C. C. & St. L.	44⅜
do pfd	84⅜	U. S. Steel	35⅛
Wabash	21	do pfd	87

*Ex-div. **Trust receipts. ***Nominal.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: Business on the Stock exchange here was brisk today and the tone was one of cheerfulness throughout the market. Consols continued to advance, urged on by the hope of cheaper money. There is an opinion which is growing daily by day that the government will refrain from any further issues of consols until after the war is over. It is believed the government has practically decided not to borrow any more in this way, because the low price for consols now would mean marketing a new issue at the most unworthy level of 94. American shares were buoyant throughout the list and throughout the day. London was a buyer of Northern Pacifics. Denver preferred and Eries. Coal stocks, especially, but the list generally, were strong on fresh reports that J. Pierpont Morgan had succeeded in averting a strike in the coal fields. New York supported prices freely. Berlin bought calls on Northern and Union Pacifics, Eries and Readings, chiefly end of May or the beginning of June. Gold to the extent of £100,000 is going out to South America. The bank has bought £18,000 of gold in bars. Money was scarce, though the rates were unchanged on the exchange settlement and the end of the month demand. The market borrowed £2,000,000 from the bank.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $153,982,831; gold, $96,843,648.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 28.—MONEY—On call, steady at 2½@2¾ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¼ for demand and $4.84⅞ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84½.

SILVER—Certificates, 59⅝@61c; bar, 59⅜c; Mexican dollars, 46c.

BONDS — Government, firmer; state, strong; railroad, irregular.

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106	N. Y. Central 1s	107¼
do coupon	106⅜	N. J. C. gen. 5s	133
do 3s, reg.	111½	No. Pacific 3s	73¼
do coupon	111¾	do 4s	105⅛
do new 4s, reg.	135¼	N Y C & S L 4s	108½
do coupon	135¾	Ore. Nav. 1s	109
do old 4s, reg.	113¾	do 4s	104
do coupon	114¼	Oregon S. L. 6s	128
do 5s, reg.	111½	do consol 5s	116
do coupon	111⅞	Reading gen. 4s	95
D. of C. 3.65s	123½	Rio G. W. 1s	101¾
Atch. gen. 4s	101⅜	St L & I M c. 5s	118½
do adj. 4s	95	St L & S F g. 6s	132
Canada So. 2s	108	St. Paul consols	184½
Ches. & O. 4½s	103	St. P., C. & P. 1s	118
do 5s	121¾	do 5s	120½
C. & N. W. 7s	141½	So. Pacific 4s	93¾
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	So. Railway 5s	116¾
Chicago Ter. 4s	97	S. R. & T. 6s	88
C., R. & P. 5s	109½	Tex. & P. 1s	120
Colorado So. 4s	88¾	do 2s	93
Erie general 4s	89¼	Union Pacific 4s	106
F. W. & D. C. 1s	167	Wabash 1s	119¾
Gen. Electric 5s	120	do 2s	110½
Iowa Central 1s	111¼	West Shore 4s	115
L. & N. unl. 4s	102¼	Wis. Central 1s	90⅞
M., K. & T. 2s	85¾	Va. Centuries	95½
do 4s	98½		

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 28.—Call loans, 2½@3½ per cent; time loans, 3¼@4 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F.	61½	Westingh. Elec.	62¾
Amer. Sugar	141¼	Atchison 4s	102
do pfd	122	Mex. Cent. 4s	67¼
Amer. Tel.	169¾	Adventure	15
Boston & Alb'y	236	Bing. Min. Co.	24⅜
Boston Elevated	174½	Amal. Copper	99¼
C., B. & Q.	168½	Atlantic	35
Dominion Coal	93¼	Boston & Mont.	338
do pfd.	98½	Butte & Boston	68
Federal Steel	50	Cal. & Hecla	850
do pfd.	103½	Centennial	27
Fitchburg pfd.	144¼	Franklin	21
Gen. Electric	217	Humboldt	25
do pfd.	95	Osceola	44½
Ed. Elec. Ill.	360	Parrot	52¾
Mex. Central	24⅜	Quincy	175
Old Colony	205	Santa Fe Cop.	8¼
Old Dominion	24¾	Tamarack	335
Rubber	30	Utah Mining	35¼
Union Pacific	91⅝	Winona	4¾
Union Land	3¼	Wolverines	61
West End	94¾		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 28.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	95 11-16	N. Y. Central	150½
do account	95 11-16	Erie	27¼
Atchison	63¼	do 1st pfd	76¼
Canadian Pac.	96⅝	Pennsylvania	75½
*St. Paul	153⅜	Reading	18½
Illinois Central	129½	Grand Trunk	8½
Louisville	102⅜	Anaconda	9⅜
Union Pac. pfd.	86⅜	Rand Mines	40½
No. Pacific pfd.	93¼		

*Ex-dividend.

BAR SILVER—Easy, 27 7-16d per ounce.

MONEY—@4½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 13-16@3⅞ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¾@3⅞ per cent.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The following are quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con.	23	Little Chief	14
Alice	34	Ontario	900
Breece	120	Ophir	72
Brunswick Con.	13	Phoenix	12
Comstock Tun.	55	Potosi	12
Con. Cal. & Va.	290	Savage	10
Deadwood Ter.	60	Sierra Nevada	32
Horn Silver	110	Small Hopes	65
Iron Silver	58	Standard	40
Leadville Con.	5		

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 28.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet and 1@c higher; middling uplands, 8 3-16c; middling gulf, 8 7-16c; sales, 10 bales. Futures closed steady; March, 7.82c; April, 7.84c; May, 7.90c; July, 7.91c; August, 7.63c; September,